Age of retirement in Government service.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposals to raise the age of retirement in Government service, and if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU:—" In aided institutions the age of retirement of members of the teaching profession has been fixed as 55. But they are allowed to contribute to the Provident Fund up to the age of 60 years when their services are extended year after year. Such being the case, may I know why the age of retirement of teachers in aided institutions should not be fixed as 60? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, the main question refers in general to the question of raising the age of retirement of Government servants and not to teachers employed in aided institutions. There is no proposal before the Government to raise the age of retirement of teachers in aided institutions."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON:—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to raise the age of retirement of teachers directly employed by the Government to 60 years? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" I do not think, Sir, that we should make any such distinction between teaching personnel and other services. As a matter of fact, when we extend this benefit, we are shutting out other persons entering this service."

SRI A. SUBRAMANIYAM:—" பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களின் வயது விஷயத்தில் சர்க்கார் கொஞ்சம் சலுகை அளிப்பார்களா ?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களானாலும், முற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களானாலும் வயது விஷயம் ஒன்றே. இவர்களும் இழவர்களாகிறார்கள், அவர்களும் இழவர்களாகிறார்கள்."

SRI A. SUBRAMANIYAM:—" நான் கேட்பது என்னவென்றால் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்கள் உத்தியோகத்தில் மிகவும் குறைவாக இருப்பதால் அவர்கள் விஷயத்தில், அதாவது, ரிடயராகும் வயது விஷயத்தில், சர்க்கார் கொஞ்சம் சலுகை காட்டமுடியுமா என்பதுதான்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" இந்த வகையில் சலுகை காட்ட முடியாது."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Ministers are able to work efficiently even after attaining the age of 70 years, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of raising the age of retirement of Government servants to 60 years? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Ministers are elected and Government servants are appointed."